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PRESS RELEASE

Date/Time of Release: Friday, January 20, 2006 4:30 p.m.
Date/Time of Occurrence Thursday, January 19, 2006 9:30 p.m.
Nature of Event: Stranded Snowmobile Rider Rescued
Location of Call: American Hill near China Wall
Released by: Dena Erwin (530) 889-6922

SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:



The Sheriff Department's Sno-Cat,
better known as "Miss Kitty."

A Foresthill man had to be rescued by Placer County Sheriff's searchers late Thursday night after his snowmobile tipped over and he was exposed to the freezing temperatures at the China Wall OHV Park outside of Foresthill.

The 32-year-old did not require medical treatment following the six-hour ordeal but was exhausted, according to deputies involved in the search and rescue.

The man and a friend were riding their snowmobiles back to their cars before 5 p.m. when the man's snowmobile tipped over and fell into a hole. The man got wet and became exhausted while attempting to upright his snowmobile.

The friend attempted to carry his friend out on his snowmobile, but the machine could not carry both men, so the friend returned to his car alone and drove back to Foresthill to get help. When no one was available to help, the friend called the sheriff's department.

Deputies and sheriff's search and rescue team members rode two snowmobiles and the department's Sno-Cat more than five miles into the snow to rescue the stranded man. They were able to transport the victim to safety inside the Sheriff's Sno-Cat, nicknamed "Miss Kitty."